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1. ARTICLE IN DIARIO DE BAJA CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 6, 1976, REPORTED MEXICAN CITIZENS ALEJANDRO RAMOS JAIME, VALERIO RAMOS AND ROBERTO MILLAN ATTEMPTED ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES AT SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 4, 1976. ALEJANDRO AND VALERIO REPORTEDLY CLIMBED FENCE AT BORDER AND WERE IMMEDIATELY APPREHENDED BY TWO US BORDER PATROL AGENTS. MILLAN, WHO REMAINED ON MEXICAN SIDE, LATER TOLD NEWSPAPER REPORTER HE SAW US BORDER PATROL AGENTS BEAT ALEJANDRO AND VALERIO AT TIME OF APPREHENSION. ARTICLE ADDED THAT ALEJANDRO AND VALERIO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED BY US BORDER PATROL TO MEXICO VIA TIJUANA/ SAN YSIDRO INTERNATIONAL GATE. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, AFTER BEING RETURNED TO MEXICO, ALEJANDRO COMPLAINED OF PAINS IN STOMACH AND CHEST AND MILLAN TOOK HIM TO SEE TIJUANA DOCTOR MARCELINO CARDOSO SANROMAN WHO, NOTING ALEJANDRO'S INCOHERENCE, DIAGNOSED PROBLEM AS DRUNKENNESS. ALEJANDRO RETURNED TO HOTEL SAN JORGE IN TIJUANA WHERE HE LATER DIED. ARTICLE REPORTED THAT AUTOPSY TAKEN BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES REVEALED ALEJANDRO DIED FROM RUPTURED SPLEEN AND "HEAD WOUNDS."

2. ON DECEMBER 8, 1976, ANOTHER ARTICLE APPEARED IN SAME NEWSPAPER REPORTING THAT MEXICAN CONSUL IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ALICIA LOZA A., ASKED MEXICAN EMBASSY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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3. CONGEN SPOKE WITH MR. ROBERT MCCHORD OF US BORDER PATROL, SAN YSIDRO WHO CONFIRMED ALEJANDRO AND VALERIO WERE APPREHENDED BY TWO BORDER PATROL AGENTS ON DECEMBER 4 AND RETURNED TO MEXICO ON SAME DATE. HE SAID LETTER WAS RECEIVED BY BORDER PATROL FROM CONSUL LOZA PROTESTING INCIDENT AND INFORMED CONGEN CASE WAS BEING INVESTIGATED BY SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

4. CONGEN THEN SPOKE WITH SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING OFFICER, CAPTAIN ALLEN, WHO STATED INVESTIGATION OF CASE COMPLETED AND NOW IN HANDS OF STATE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. HE ADDED DECISION WHETHER CHARGES WILL BE MADE AGAINST TWO US BORDER PATROL AGENTS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS. CONGEN WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN DECISION REACHED.

5. EDITORIAL IN EL HERALDO DECEMBER 13, 1976 STATES THIS IS NOT ISOLATED CASE BUT ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF LONG SUCCESSION OF ABUSES AND ARBITRARITIES COMMITTED BY US CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AGAINST MEXICAN CITIZENS. EDITORIAL ADDS THAT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD PROTEST MISTREATMENT AS STRONGLY AS US AUTHORITIES HAVE PROTESTED AGAINST CLAIMED MISTREATMENT OF US CITIZENS AT HANDS OF MEXICAN POLICE.
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